

I am deeply concerned that the FCC is reviewing current laws that prohibit the ownership of both a newspaper and TV station in the same market. Consolidation of media outlets under the same corporate umbrella has an unnerving tendency to result in homogenous media structures that have little incentive to do investigative reporting.

If we are to have a working democracy it is imperative that alternative viewpoints are available in the media so that wide-ranging political discussion might occur, eventually leading to consensus. If people are unable to get a diversity of stories and opinions through their news out lets this becomes difficult, if not impossible. I urge the FCC to retain the current legislation that helps to prohibit the development of media monopolies. Competition and democracy are at stake.